

MINUTES
EMS VISION PROCESS -- IMPLEMENTATION PHASE
PREVENTION COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 19, 1999

Present on call:

Cindy Hearrell	Ray Mosak	Mark Hartwig	Rachel Hanks
Sharon Pacyna	Paul Maxwell	Todd Talbert	Jim Pointer
Abbie Yant	Reuben Grijalva	Colleen Campbell	John Brown
Michael Osur	Jan Ogar	Lois Williams	

Representation and Reimbursement

Participants introduced themselves. Jan asked that members consider what organization or profession they are representing on the committee, not only to establish a comprehensive and well-rounded committee, but also to help determine who is in most need of reimbursement for each meeting, since EMSA's grant only allows for ten reimbursements per meeting. She explained that the ideal membership should be the broadest representation possible; for example, paramedics/EMTs, pediatric specialists, trauma specialists, geographic variances (urban and rural). The group discussed whether or not someone from medical dispatch should be included, and decided it was a valuable link in EMS injury prevention. Todd and Reuben offered to contact an EMD (emergency medical dispatcher) about participating.

The group also discussed the value of including a traffic safety professional from the State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and a representative from the State Department of Health Services' Injury Control section. Mark offered to contact managed care organizations (Kaiser, Well Point, etc.) for possible representation. Lois is to check with Diane Winn about possible representation from SOPHE (Society of Public Health Educators).

Jan asked the committee to agree on one representative for each organization that will be reimbursed for travel expenses, given the contractual limit of ten. Cindy suggested selecting alternates in each northern or southern regional area. Several members stated that their organizations would pay their expenses. Members agreed that it would be acceptable for Jan to "pair" individuals (one who needs funding with one who doesn't).

Members will receive copies of the reimbursement procedures as soon as they are completed by the Vision administrative staff.

Documents for Review

Lois will send copies of the final Vision report (“Shaping the Future of EMS in California”), and the final NHTSA EMS Assessment for California, to each member. We will be reviewing them to see how the prevention objectives compare and to develop approaches for implementation.

Plan of Action

The group discussed the option of breaking up into smaller work or focus groups. Several said they felt it would be beneficial; one member agreed, but wants the group to remain balanced. Another was concerned about how workgroups are constructed—we need everyone’s expertise. It was decided to think about it and table the discussion until the next meeting.

Jan informed members that they will receive information on the other Vision committees. Minutes from all groups will be on the EMSA website (www.emsa.ca.gov) . Members were asked to subscribe to the list serve for the Prevention committee, by sending an e-mail to visprvnt@emsa.ca.gov . When sending the e-mail, type in “subscribe” in the subject line. No further message is needed. Subscribers will receive a message back informing them that they are part of the list serve.

John asked what the final product will be; Jan explained that we are to come up with an implementation plan for the objectives developed during the first phase of the Vision process (May through December, 1998).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel at the San Francisco Airport (November 16 is the EMSAAC meeting). Contact Lois with your plans to attend the meeting and whether you will need your expenses reimbursed. We will attempt to arrange a conference call hook-up with the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.